THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE INISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The cond High level ODA Mission on :onomic and Technological Cooperation)m Japan held talks with officials in the inistry of Finance on 28.3.95, during iich, in accordance with Japanese ODA)licy since 1992, the Japanese side ferred to certain non-economic factors)n-proliferation of nuclear weapons and issile delivery systems and trends in :fence expenditure.

(c) The Japanese delelgation was iefed about India's commitment to non-oliferation and disarmament. They ere informed that our defence :penditure as a percentage of GDP was ie of the lowest in the region. It was)inted out that these issues are scussed regularly in Foreign Office)nsultations.

oast Guard to Combat Environmental disasters

4706. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR IRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be leased to state:

(a) whether the Coast Guard propose) enhance surveillance for combating nvironmental disasters;

(b) if so, the details of the plans nvisaged by Coast Guard;

(c) whether the Coast Guard is facing inancial constrain to effectively mplement their plans; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):(a) to (d) A National :ontingency plan to enhance surveillance for combating environmental disaster by Coast Guard (CG) has been drawn up. This envisages:

(i) Maritime reconnaissance by CG fixed wing aircraft fitted out with requisite sensors.

(ii) Random surveillance by available CG ships for detection of oil spills.

(iii) Formation of Crisis Management Groups at three levels to coordinate actions of a large number of inter-Ministerial agencies with a view to assess and combat oil pollution disasters in the Maritime Zones of India.

(iv) Formation of highly trained task force (three response teams based at Bombay, Madras and Port Blair) to assist and combat oil pollution at sea.

(v) Acquisition of dedicated pollution control equipment and pollution response vessels to combat oil pollution.

Government endeavours to provide all assistance to the Coast Guard which is commensurate with the task assigned and subject to the availability of funds.

Production of Prithvi Missiles

4707. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Prithvi missiles is being slowed down; and

(b) if so, the reasons for capping of the production of missiles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The users' trials of 'Prithvi', surface-to-surface tactical battle field missile have been completed. Subsequent activities are being progressed.

letters written by M.Ps

4708. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *ALIAS* MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry of Defence during the period

from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995 alongwith details thereof;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A total of 984 letters written by the Members of Parliament were received in the Ministry of Defence during the period 1.4.1994 to 31.3.1995.

(b) As per the procedure all the letters are acknoweldged immediately on receipt of a letter.

(c) Final reply in 493 cases have been sent. Remaining 491 cases are being processed.

(d) Positive replies — 256
Negative replies — 225

In the remaining 12 cases factual information as sought for by the Hon'ble M.Ps was furnished.

Visit of Israeli Chief of Air Staff

4709. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Air Staff of Israel had visited India in March, 1995;

(b) if so, whether he was invited to visit India or it was at his own initiative; and

(c) whether any cooperation is going on between the Indian Air Force and Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Maj. Gen. H. Bodinger, Commander Israeli Air force came on a goodwill visit to India from 27.3.95 to 4.4.95 on a formal invitation from the Chief of the Air Staff. During the visit, matters of mutual interest pertaining to defence cooperation were discussed. India follows a policy of developing cooperation in the field of defence with various friendly nations. Consequent upon the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992, there has been an intensification of dialogue for cooperation with israel in various spheres.

Army personnel killed in Jammu and Kashmir

4710. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Army Jawans and officers killed/injured so far during each of the last fivce years fighting with militants in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of encounters in which they have been killed/injured; and

(c) what compensation has so far been paid to the families of those killed and also to those who have been injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The details of Army Jawans and officers killed/injured while fighting with the militants in Jammu and Kashmir for the last 5 years are as under:—

Year	Officers	JCOs	ORs	Total
Killed				
1990	2	1	52	55
1991	5	4	88	97
1992	2	9	75	86